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PATENT APPLICATION
Serial No. 10/615,885

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: DUAN, et al.
Serial No.: 10/615,885
Filing Date: July 8, 2003
Group Art Unit: 2621
Confirmation No.: 9839
Examiner: Daniel G. Mariam
Title: **HIERARCHICAL DETERMINATION OF
FEATURE RELEVANCY**

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed October 30, 2006 (the "Office Action"), Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments thereto, and the comments as set forth below. Please amend the Application as follows: